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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Original) A rail-mounted apparatus for a pool cover assembly having a plurality of components disposed in a pool cover box and used to operate a pool cover for a swimming pool, comprising:

- (a) an elongated rail member adapted to be attached to a side of the pool cover box;
- (b) a bracket adapted to support at least one of the components;
- (c) a slide member for removably coupling the bracket to the rail member; and
- (d) an opening in the rail member in which the slide member may be inserted so that the slide member may removably couple the bracket to the rail member.

10. (Original) The rail-mounted apparatus of claim 9, wherein the elongated rail member comprises an elongated support member to couple the apparatus to the side of the pool cover box and a channel member in which the slide member may move longitudinally along the channel member.

11. (Original) The rail-mounted apparatus of claim 10, wherein the bracket is disposed to support the component so that component couples with an adjoining component as the slide member moves longitudinally along the channel member.

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12. (Original) The rail-mounted apparatus of claim 9, wherein the slide member is constructed to couple with the channel member by inserting the slide member into the opening and then sliding it along the channel member.

13-20. (Cancelled)

21. (Previously Presented) A mounting apparatus for a pool cover assembly having a plurality of pool cover components disposed in a pool cover box, comprising:

(a) an elongated member adapted to be attached to the pool cover box, wherein the elongated member is an elongated rail member adapted to be attached to a first side of the pool cover box;

(b) a mounting member adapted to removably couple at least one of the pool cover components to the elongated member, wherein the mounting member is a bracket adapted to support the pool cover component; and

(c) a slide member for removably coupling the bracket to the elongated member.

22. (Previously Presented) The mounting apparatus of claim 21, wherein an opening is defined in the elongated member in which the slide member may be inserted so that the slide member may removably couple the bracket to the elongated member.

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23. (Previously Presented) The mounting apparatus of claim 22, further comprising a second elongated member adapted to be attached to a second side of the pool cover box opposite the first side.

24. (Previously Presented) The mounting apparatus of claim 23, further comprising a second slide member adapted to removably couple the bracket to the second elongated member.

25. (Previously Presented) The mounting apparatus of claim 24, further comprising a second opening in the second elongated member for inserting the second slide member to removably couple the bracket to the second elongated member.

26. (Previously Presented) A method for mounting a pool cover assembly having a plurality of pool cover components in a pool cover box for a swimming pool cover, comprising:

(a) attaching an elongated member to the pool cover box including attaching an elongated rail member adapted to be attached to a first side of the pool cover box;

(b) removably coupling a mounting member supporting at least one of the pool cover components to the elongated member including removably coupling a bracket adapted to support the pool cover components to the elongated member using a slide member.

27. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 26, further comprising inserting the slide member into an opening in the elongated member so that the slide member may removably couple the bracket to the elongated member.

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28. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 27, further comprising attaching a second elongated member to a second side of the pool cover box opposite the first side.

29. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 28, further comprising removably coupling the bracket to the second elongated member using a second slide member.

30. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 29, further comprising inserting the second slide member into a second opening in the second elongated member to removably couple the bracket to the second elongated member.